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1. EMBASSY STRONGLY CONCURS IN NEED FOR CONTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS THROUGH LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF IN NIGER. MONEY WILL BE USED PURCHASE LOCALLY FOOD, MEDICINES, BLANKETS, CLOTHING , SOAP, FUEL AND DIG AN ADDITIONAL WELL IN THE LARGE CAMPS. RED CORSS AND LOCAL CATHOLIC MISSION ARE MAIN ORGANIZATIONS CARING FOR DESTITUTE NOMADS IN SOUTHERN NIGER.

2. SITUATION IN SOUTHERN PART OC COUNTRY HAS TAKEN TURN FOR WORSE AS THOUSANDS OF FULANI/PEUHLS BEGINNING TO FLOCK TO CAMPS ALREADY CROWDED WITH TUAREGS FROM MALI. FULANI HAD BEEN ABLE TO HOLD OUT LONGER THAN TUAREGS SINCE THEY GREW SOME GRAIN TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR PASTORAL ECONOMY. INADEQUATE REAINFALL AND DEVASTATION BY INSECTS AND CATERPILLARS THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, RUINED THEIR CROPS IN MANY AREAS AND FROCED THEM TURN TO RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

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FOR HELP. NUMBERS OF FULANI/PEUHLS WHO HAVE JOINED TUAREGS

ON RELIEF OVER PAST MONTH ESTIMATED AROUND 5,000. THERE ARE SOME 1,000 FULANI CURRENTLY JUST OUTSIDE NIAMEY ALSON. UNTIL RECENT ARRIVAL OF FULANI, SITUATION IN CAMPS ASSISTED BY RED CROSS WAS SLOWLY IMPRIVING SINCE FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICINE BEGAN ARRIVING IN QUANTITY IN SEPTEMBER FROM EUROPE AND TO LESSER EXTENT FROM US.

3. ALTHOUGH SUM CURRENTLY REQUESTED ID \$30,000, LOCAL INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE UJUGEN HAS IMMEDIATE NEED FOR \$50,000, WITH SUBSTANTIALLY LARGE AMOUNTS NEEDED IN THE FUTURE.BUCHE

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